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Quotes about Tradition

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In America nothing dies easier than tradition.

- Baker, Russell (Wayne)

The assumption must be that those who can see value only in tradition, or versions of it, deny man's ability to adapt to changing circumstances.

- Bayley, Stephen

As soon as tradition has come to be recognized as tradition, it is dead.

- Bloom, Allan

Tradition means giving votes to the most obscure of all classes -- our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead. Tradition refuses to submit to the small and arrogant oligarchy of those who merely happen to be walking around.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The dead govern the living.

- Comte, Auguste

Tradition! We scarcely know the word anymore. We are afraid to be either proud of our ancestors or ashamed of them. We scorn nobility in name and in fact. We cling to a

bourgeois mediocrity which would make it appear we are all Americans, made in the image and likeness of George Washington.

- Day, Dorothy

I'm an old-fashioned guy... I want to be an old man with a beer belly sitting on a porch, looking at a lake or something.

- Depp, Johnny

A precedent embalms a principle.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

It cannot be inherited, and if you want it you must obtain it by great labor.

- Eliot, T. S.

A tradition without intelligence is not worth having.

- Eliot, T. S.

People should think things out fresh and not just accept conventional terms and the conventional way of doing things.

- Fuller, R. Buckminster

Traditions are the guideposts driven deep in our subconscious minds. The most powerful ones are those we can't even describe and aren't even aware of.

- Goodman, Ellen

There is nothing in the world more stubborn than a corpse: you can hit it, you can knock it to pieces, but you cannot convince it.

- Herzen, Alexander

To keep up even a worthwhile tradition means vitiating the idea behind it which must necessarily be in a constant state of evolution: it is mad to try to express new feelings in a mummified form.

- Jarry, Alfred

Tradition is a guide and not a jailer.

- Maugham, W. Somerset

Traditionalists are pessimists about the future and optimists about the past.

- Mumford, Lewis



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